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**TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:**

**SUBJECT: THGC Outstanding Educator Award**

The Commissioner of Education serves as an ex officio member of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission (THGC). The Governor's Office today shared information regarding the inaugural THGC Outstanding Educator Award. Information regarding the qualifications and nominations process for this award are detailed in the Governor's news release below:

**Texas Holocaust And Genocide Commission Seeks Applications  
For Inaugural Outstanding Educator Award**

AUSTIN - The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission (THGC), an advisory commission under the Office of the Governor, today announced it will be accepting applications for the inaugural Outstanding Educator Award for Holocaust and Genocide Education in Texas.

THGC's Outstanding Educator Award seeks to recognize the best practices in the classroom for teaching about the Holocaust and any genocides recognized by the United States, which include those in: Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, the Sudan (Darfur), and the Middle East (Syria). The winning educator will receive a \$1,000 award funded by former Commissioner Dr. Anna Steinberger of Houston through a gift to the Friends of the THGC.

To be considered for the Outstanding Educator Award, the applicant must:

- Hold at least a bachelor's degree
- Be employed full-time as a teacher, curriculum specialist, or librarian at a public, charter, or private school in the State of Texas
- Have at least three years of experience working with students
- Have a record of teaching or actively supporting the teaching of the Holocaust and/or genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, Sudan and the Middle East to students in grades 5-12

All application materials must be received electronically through the THGC website by 5:00 PM CST on March 1, 2017.

Visit the THGC's website at <http://thgc.texas.gov/about/2017-thgc-outstanding-educator-award> for an online application and instructions.

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